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BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR
1968

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. CADBURY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting the Report on the sanitary circumstances of the Urban District of Bromsgrove for the year 1968.

The population increased by 520 to a total of 39,000. The Council built 8 new houses during the year, private enterprise built 224, while 19 houses were demolished or closed. Sixty houses were brought up to a satisfactory standard by grants and it is now evident that there are comparatively few houses in the District that are unfit or lacking in satisfactory amenities.

The general health of the population remained good. Except for a small increase in the illegitimacy rate, the statistics relating to births and deaths were very satisfactory, especially those regarding the infant and neonatal death rates. During the year Infective Jaundice was added to the list of notifiable diseases while Acute Pneumonia, Puerperal Pyrexia and Erysipelas were removed from the list. On the whole the incidence of notifiable disease was low and it is hoped that the introduction of measles vaccination will limit the incidence of measles.

Immunisation of children against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus and vaccination against Smallpox continued at a satisfactory level.

Water is supplied by the East Worcestershire Water Supply Co. Ltd. and was satisfactory in quantity and quality. It contained a trace of natural fluoride. It is hoped that the water will be artificially fluoridated to 1 part per million in the near future.

The standard of food hygiene remained at a high level, thanks to the co-operation of the food trade and the work of the Public Health Inspectors.

I would like to express my appreciation of the work carried out by the Officers and Staff of the Health Department. I would also like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their continued help and support.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Cadbury and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,

C. H. PHILLIPS.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

| | | | | |
|---|-------------|-----|-----|-----------------|
| Area: | 9,228 acres | | | 1938 |
| Inhabited houses on 31st December, 1968 | ... | ... | ... | 12,239(6,902) |
| Rateable Value, 1st April, 1968 | ... | ... | ... | £1,472,677 |
| Product of Penny Rate, 1967/68 | ... | ... | ... | £5,892. 2s. 9d. |
| Registrar General's estimate of population (mid 1968) | | | | 39,000 |

VITAL STATISTICS

(1967 figures given in brackets)

LIVE BIRTHS

| | M | F | Total |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----------|
| Legitimate | 312 | 308 | 620 (630) |
| Illegitimate | 16 | 13 | 29 (28) |
| Total | 328 | 321 | 649 (658) |

BIRTH RATE (births per 1,000 population)

| | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------------------------|
| 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1964 | 1938 | 1968 (England & Wales) |
| 14.98 | 15.39 | 19.06 | 18.04 | 17.59 | 17.8 | 16.9 |

ILLEGITIMACY RATE (Total live illegitimate births per 1,000 live births)

| | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1964 | 1938 |
| 44.68 | 42.55 | 38.67 | 31.87 | 37.55 | 33.5 |

STILL BIRTHS

| | M | F | Total |
|--------------|---|---|--------|
| Legitimate | 5 | 1 | 6 (13) |
| Illegitimate | - | 2 | 2 (1) |
| Total | 5 | 3 | 8 (14) |

STILL BIRTH RATE (Still Births per 1,000 total births)

| | | | | | | |
|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|------------------------|
| 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1964 | 1938 | 1968 (England & Wales) |
| 12.18 | 21.0 | 16.3 | 14.4 | 17.76 | 27.9 | 14.00 |

DEATHS

| M | F | Total |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 207 (211) | 222 (189) | 429 (400) |

DEATH RATE (Deaths per 1,000 population)

| | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|------|--------------------------|
| 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1968 (England and Wales) |
| 10.12 | 10.29 | 10.93 | 12.5 | 11.9 |

MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATH
(as percentages of total deaths)

| | | |
|---|-------|----------|
| 1. Diseases of the heart and circulatory system. | 54.6% | (54.75%) |
| 2. Cancer and other malignant diseases. | 14.6% | (17.25%) |
| 3. Respiratory diseases (excluding tuberculosis). | 19.5% | (12.0%) |
| 4. Accidents, Suicide. | 4.3% | (4.0%) |

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Maternal deaths per 1,000 total births)

| | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1938 |
| Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 1.17 |

INFANT AND NEONATAL MORTALITY

INFANT DEATHS

(Deaths of Infants under 1 year)

| | M | F | Total |
|--------------|---|---|-------|
| Legitimate | 2 | 2 | 4 (7) |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - (-) |
| Total | 2 | 2 | 4 (7) |

NEONATAL DEATHS

(Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks)

| | M | F | Total |
|--------------|---|---|-------|
| Legitimate | 1 | 1 | 2 (5) |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - (-) |
| Total | 1 | 1 | 2 (5) |

INFANT AND NEONATAL DEATH RATES

| | 1968 | 196 | 1966 | 1938 | 1968 (England and Wales) |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| Deaths of legitimately born infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 legitimate births | 6.45 | 11.11 | 12.93 | 56.9 | - |
| Deaths of illegitimately born infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 illegitimate births. | Nil | Nil | Nil | 166.7 | - |
| Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births. | 3.08 | 7.60 | 6.91 | - | 12.3 |
| Deaths of all infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births. | 6.16 | 10.64 | 12.43 | 59.8 | 18.00 |
| Early Neonatal Mortality rate (Deaths during the first week) per 1,000 related live births. | 3.08 | 6.08 | 6.91 | - | 10.5 |
| Perinatal Mortality rate (Stillbirths + deaths during the first week) per 1,000 live and stillbirths | 15.22 | 26.78 | 23.1 | - | 25.00 |

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS (Neonatal figures given in brackets)

| | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Congenital Malformations | - (-) | 1 (-) | - (-) | 6 (4) |
| Prematurity | 1 (1) | 4 (4) | 3 (3) | 3 (3) |
| Respiratory Disease | 2 (-) | 1 (-) | 3 (1) | - (-) |
| Other Causes | 1 (1) | 1 (1) | 3 (1) | 2 (2) |
| Total | 4 (2) | 7 (5) | 9 (5) | 8 (4) |

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The district is served by hospitals of all kinds either within the district or within comparatively easy reach. However, there is still a need for better facilities for dealing with serious accident cases. Such cases have to be transported to either the Birmingham Accident Hospital or to Worcester Royal Infirmary.

Bacteriological examinations were carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Worcester Royal Infirmary. Chemical analyses of water etc. were done at the County Laboratory, Worcester. I am grateful to the Directors of these laboratories for their help and co-operation.

The County Council administers the Health Visiting, Maternity, Child Welfare, School Health, Immunisation, Dental Specialist, Chiropody, Health Education and other services which aim at the preservation of the health of the community.

A cervical cytology service, available to women of 35 years and over is held monthly at Bromsgrove Clinic.

A Family Planning Association continued to run sessions at Bromsgrove Clinic, at which advice and assistance was available on family planning.

MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE

1. Bromsgrove Town Area.

The Meals on Wheels Service is operated by the W.R.V.S. Meals were prepared at ~~Windsor Street kitchen~~ and delivered by volunteer W.R.V.S. members.

At the end of the year 70 old people received meals two days in the week. A total of 6,432 meals were delivered compared with 6,372 in 1967.

2. Rubery Area.

Meals were supplied from Rubery Hill Hospital and delivered by W.F.V.S. members.

At the end of the year 12 old people were receiving meals on two days in the week. A total of 1,101 meals had been delivered in this area compared with 1,173 in 1967.

HOUSING

The housing position at the end of 1968 was as follows:-

| | | |
|--|--------|----------|
| Number of houses in the district | 12,239 | (12,013) |
| Number of persons per house | 3.18 | (3.20) |
| Number of houses built by private enterprise | 237 | (230) |
| Number of houses built by Council | 8 | (28) |
| Number of houses under construction at end of year | 390 | (232) |
| Number of houses demolished during 1968 | 7 | (59) |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Details of the work carried out by the Health Department under this heading are given in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

The work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors is given in the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector and a detailed statement of the sanitary state of the district is included.

Water is supplied by the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company, and the results of samples are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Public Cleansing.

Refuse collection and disposal are carried out by the Surveyor's Department. A bonus scheme operates and a weekly collection service has been maintained throughout the Urban District.

MORTALITY RATES

FOR CANCER (ALL CAUSES), CANCER OF THE LUNG AND BRONCHUS AND HEART DISEASE (INCLUDING ANGINA, CORONARY DISEASE, HYPERTENSION, ETC.)

| Year | Cancer (all causes) | Cancer (lung and bronchus) | Heart disease |
|------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1964 | 2.22 | 0.55 | 3.55 |
| 1965 | 1.48 | 0.28 | 2.85 |
| 1966 | 1.57 | 0.45 | 3.70 |
| 1967 | 1.77 | 0.51 | 3.17 |
| 1968 | 1.48 | 0.41 | 3.53 |

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1968

| Disease | Corrected Notifications |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Smallpox | - |
| Scarlet Fever | 7 |
| Diphtheria | - |
| Enteric or Typhoid Fever | - |
| Paratyphoid Fever | - |
| Measles | 175 |
| Whooping Cough | 29 |
| Acute Pneumonia | 5 |
| Febrile Pyrexia | - |
| Meningococcal Infections | - |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | - |
| Acute Encephalitis | - |
| Dysentery | - |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | - |
| Erysipelas | - |
| Malaria | - |
| Food Poisoning | 3 |
| Infective Jaundice | 2 |
| Total | 227 (520) |

** Not Notifiable from September 1968

* Notifiable from 15th June 1968

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT

1968

| Cause of Death | M | F | T | Mortality Rate |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----------------|
| Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases | 1 | - | 1 | 0.02 |
| Tuberculosis of Respiratory System | 1 | - | 1 | 0.02 |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0.07 |
| Malignant Neoplasm - stomach | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0.12 |
| Malignant Neoplasm - lung, bronchus | 16 | 1 | 17 | 0.41 |
| Malignant Neoplasm - breast | - | 3 | 3 | 0.07 |
| Malignant Neoplasm - uterus | - | 6 | 6 | 0.14 |
| Leukaemia | 1 | - | 1 | 0.02 |
| Other malignant neoplasms, etc. | 17 | 12 | 29 | 0.70 |
| Diabetes Mellitus | - | 5 | 5 | 0.12 |
| Other endocrine etc. diseases | - | 1 | 1 | 0.02 |
| Mental disorders | - | 1 | 1 | 0.02 |
| Other diseases of nervous system, etc. | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0.12 |
| Chronic rheumatic heart disease | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0.14 |
| Hypertensive disease | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0.12 |
| Ischaemic heart disease | 54 | 72 | 126 | 2.06 |
| Other forms of heart disease | 5 | 8 | 13 | 0.31 |
| Cerebrovascular disease | 21 | 44 | 65 | 1.52 |
| Other diseases of circulatory system | 8 | 7 | 15 | 0.35 |
| Influenza | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0.12 |
| Pneumonia | 21 | 24 | 45 | 1.07 |
| Bronchitis and emphysema | 24 | 2 | 26 | 0.62 |
| Asthma | 1 | - | 1 | 0.02 |
| Other diseases of respiratory system | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0.12 |
| Peptic ulcer | 4 | 4 | 8 | 0.20 |
| Intestinal obstruction and hernia | 1 | - | 1 | 0.02 |
| Other diseases of digestive system | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.05 |
| Other diseases, genito-urinary system | - | 1 | 1 | 0.02 |
| Diseases of musculo-skeletal system | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0.07 |
| Congenital anomalies | - | 1 | 1 | 0.02 |
| Other causes of perinatal mortality | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.05 |
| Symptoms and ill-defined conditions | 1 | - | 1 | 0.02 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0.12 |
| All other accidents | 7 | 6 | 13 | 0.31 |
| Suicide and self-inflicted injuries | 1 | - | 1 | 0.02 |
| All other external causes | - | 1 | 1 | 0.02 |
| Total | 207 | 222 | 429 | 10.12 |

IMMUNISATION

The number of children immunised against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus is given below.

| Immunised against: | Year of Birth | | | | | Others under 16 | Total |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|------|------|---------|-----------------|-------|
| | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1961-64 | | |
| Diphtheria | 265 | 374 | 27 | 2 | 35 | 4 | 707 |
| Whooping Cough | 244 | 336 | 25 | 1 | 4 | - | 610 |
| Tetanus | 265 | 375 | 27 | 2 | 35 | 16 | 720 |
| Re-immunised against: Diphtheria | - | 148 | 291 | 38 | 630 | 105 | 1,212 |
| Whooping Cough | - | 121 | 239 | 23 | 41 | 3 | 427 |
| Tetanus | - | 147 | 291 | 39 | 617 | 136 | 1,230 |

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) during 1968:-

| Age at date of Vaccination | Under 1 | 1 | 2 - 4 | 5 - 14 | Total 1968 | Total 1967 | Total 1966 |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| No. Vaccinated | 48 (61) | 444 (417) | 56 (89) | 18 (19) | 566 | 586 | 775 |
| No. Re-Vaccinated | - | - | 2 (6) | 18 (20) | 20 | 26 | 63 |

TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis registrations at the end of 1968 were as follows:-

| | Male | Female | Total |
|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Pulmonary | 62 | 50 | 112 (119) |
| Non-Pulmonary | 2 | 4 | 6 (4) |
| Total | 64 (69) | 54 (54) | 118 (123) |

Tuberculosis Incidence and Mortality for the year 1968

| | NEW CASES | | | | DEATHS | | | |
|----------------|------------|---|---------------|---|------------|---|---------------|---|
| | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | |
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| 0 - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1 - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10 - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 20 - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 55 - | 1 | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 65 and upwards | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| Age unknown | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 5 9 (3) | 4 | - 1 (-) | 1 | 2 2 (5) | - | - - (-) | - |



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REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1968

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. CADBURY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting a report of the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1968

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

During 1968, total throughput at the Public Slaughterhouse and one private slaughterhouse showed a considerable reduction on previous years, a total of 61,650 animals being slaughtered and inspected. This figure represents an average weekly 'kill' of 244 cattle, 8 calves, 622 sheep and 314 pigs. The decline in throughput is most probably due to the effects of the disastrous foot and mouth disease epidemic and only partly to a changing pattern of meat trading. Comparable figures for previous years are as follows:-

| | |
|--------|--------|
| 1967 - | 75,944 |
| 1966 - | 72,636 |
| 1965 - | 63,167 |
| 1964 - | 66,361 |
| 1963 - | 57,162 |

All animals slaughtered are inspected for fitness for human consumption and during the year approximately 49 tons of meat was surrendered as unfit. Causes of unfitness are given in tabular form. It is interesting to record that tuberculosis either localised or generalised, was not found in any of the 13,145 cattle and calves slaughtered, and swine fever was absent in over 16,000 pigs slaughtered.

The Public Slaughterhouse receives 'casualty animals' from a fairly wide area, many of which require extensive care and diligence on the part of the Meat Inspector. 47 specimens were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Worcester for either bacteriological or histological examination and I again record my appreciation of the willing assistance and advice given by Dr. R. J. Henderson, Director of the Laboratory.

It was not possible to commence work during the year on the new lairage and office accommodation at the slaughterhouse, but it is hoped this scheme will be completed during 1969

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED DURING THE YEAR

| | Heifers | Steers | Cows & Bulls | Calves | Sheep | Pigs |
|------------------------|---------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Public Slaughterhouse | 2,041 | 1,906 | 8,013 | 384 | 28,407 | 13,207 |
| Private Slaughterhouse | 567 | 160 | 46 | 28 | 3,962 | 2,929 |
| TOTAL | 2,608 | 2,066 | 8,059 | 412 | 32,369 | 16,136 |

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

| | CATTLE | CALVES | SHEEP AND LAMBS | PIGS |
|--|--------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| Number killed and inspected | 12,733 | 412 | 32,369 | 16,136 |
| <u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:-</u> | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | 51 | 18 | 119 | 15 |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned. | 4,710 | 2 | 2,899 | 1,110 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci. | 37.39% | 4.85% | 9.32% | 6.97% |
| <u>Tuberculosis only:-</u> | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | 100 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis | - | - | - | 0.62% |
| <u>Cysticercosis:-</u> | | | | |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 12 | - | - | - |
| Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration | 12 | - | - | - |
| Generalised and totally condemned. | - | - | - | - |

MEAT CONDEMNED

| | BEASTS | CALVES | SHEEP | PIGS | TOTAL |
|----------------|--------|--------|-------|------|-------|
| Carcasses | 51 | 18 | 119 | 15 | 203 |
| Part Carcasses | 70 | - | 42 | 68 | 180 |
| Heads | 54 | 1 | - | 155 | 210 |
| Hearts | 25 | 2 | 6 | 144 | 177 |
| Livers | 4,598 | 1 | 2,703 | 820 | 8,122 |
| Lungs | 893 | 1 | 154 | 78 | 1,126 |
| Kidneys | 60 | 2 | 4 | 22 | 88 |
| Spleen | 1 | 1 | - | 3 | 5 |

CAUSES OF CONDEMNATION AND APPROXIMATE WEIGHTS - LBS

| Disease | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Pigs | TOTAL |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| Abscesses | 2,405 | - | 13 | 650 | 3,073 |
| Actino mycosis | 859 | - | - | - | 859 |
| Adeno-Carcinoma | 540 | - | - | - | 540 |
| Angiomatosis | 10,887 | - | - | - | 10,887 |
| Arthritis | 484 | - | 48 | 73 | 605 |
| B. Necrosis | - | - | - | 2,904 | 2,904 |
| Bi-Lateral Pyelo-nephritis | - | 150 | - | - | 150 |
| Bruising/Injury | 1,370 | - | 153 | 183 | 1,706 |
| Cysticercus Bovis | 294 | - | - | - | 294 |
| Cirrhosis | 12 | - | - | 3 | 15 |
| Echinococcus Cysts | 21,009 | - | 47 | - | 21,056 |
| Emphysema | - | 10 | - | - | 10 |
| Emaciation/Oedema | 17,425 | 391 | 3,755 | 177 | 21,748 |
| Fibrosis | 21 | - | - | - | 21 |
| Fascioliasis | - | - | 34,444 | - | 34,444 |
| Fatty Degeneration | 170 | - | - | - | 170 |
| Hydro Nephritis | 2 | - | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| Hepatitis | 20 | - | 2 | - | 22 |
| Ill-bled | - | 68 | 32 | 224 | 324 |
| Jaundice | 148 | 84 | - | 379 | 611 |
| Melanosis | 630 | - | - | - | 630 |
| Nephritis | 101 | - | - | 5 | 106 |
| Myocarditis | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Metaplasia | - | - | - | 18 | 18 |
| Metritis Septic | - | - | 43 | - | 43 |
| Pericarditis | 7 | - | 5 | 76 | 88 |
| Peritonitis Septic | - | 40 | 30 | 68 | 138 |
| Pleurisy | 77 | 48 | - | 96 | 221 |
| Parasitic Conditions | 215 | - | 5,253 | 25 | 5,493 |
| Pneumonia | 18 | - | - | - | 18 |
| Pneumonia Acute Septic | - | - | - | 40 | 40 |
| Odour | 666 | - | - | 98 | 764 |
| Swine Erysipelas | - | - | - | 176 | 176 |
| Sarcosysis | 32 | - | - | - | 32 |
| Septicaemia | 360 | - | - | - | 360 |
| Pyæmia | - | - | - | 239 | 239 |
| Tumours | - | - | 55 | - | 55 |
| Uræmia | - | - | 48 | - | 48 |
| Tuberculosis | - | - | - | 1,374 | 1,374 |
| Xanthosis | 5 | - | - | - | 5 |
| | 57,757 | 791 | 43,934 | 6,820 | 109,302 |

Total Weight Meat Condemned 48 Tons, 15 cwt. 3qrs, 19.1bs.

Poultry

One poultry slaughtering establishment operates in the District with an estimated weekly throughput of 5,000 birds. Regular inspection of dressed poultry is made at the twice weekly auction sales in the Produce Market.

Other food found to be unfit for human consumption at retail shops etc. is listed below:-

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---------|---|-------------------------|
| Beef | - | 12 lbs | - | Muscular fibrosis |
| Meat Joints | - | 965 lbs | - | Refrigeration breakdown |
| Bacon | - | 105 lbs | - | " " |
| Meat Products | - | 23 lbs | - | " " |
| Eggs | - | 18 doz | - | Staleness |
| Turkeys (50) | - | 441 lbs | - | Decomposition. |
| Cheese | - | 43 lbs | - | Glass Contamination. |
| Ham | - | 42 lbs | - | " " |
| Bacon | - | 155 lbs | - | " " |
| Fish Cakes | - | 46 | - | " " |
| Chicken & Bacon Cakes | - | 36 | - | " " |
| Beef Cakes | - | 30 | - | " " |
| Cheese & Tomato Cakes | - | 25 | - | " " |

Tinned Goods

| | | |
|--------------|---|-----------|
| Meats | - | 137 tins. |
| Vegetables | - | 719 " |
| Fruit | - | 1,422 " |
| Fish | - | 109 " |
| Soups | - | 47 " |
| Milk & Cream | - | 27 " |
| Cereals | - | 69 " |

Fresh Frozen Foods.

| | | |
|---------------|---|-------------|
| Meat Products | - | 574 Packets |
| Chicken | - | 329 " |
| Fish | - | 356 " |
| Pastry | - | 146 " |
| Vegetables | - | 272 " |
| Fruit | - | 100 " |
| Fruit Drinks | - | 25 " |

Slaughter of Animals Act 1958.

25 Licences were issued to slaughtermen under the provisions of this Act.

Food Complaints

20 complaints concerning the condition of food or food containers were investigated during the year.

Food Premises

The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 and the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966 govern hygiene standards in general food premises and food vehicles. Following informal action 66 infringements of the Regulations were remedied during the year.

The total number of visits to food premises during the year including visits to slaughterhouses was 1,423.

Infringements remedied are summarised overleaf:-

Sanitary Conveniences

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| Cleanliness | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 |
| Lighting | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Repair | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| Provision of Wash-hand notices | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 |

Hand Washing facilities

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| Wash-hand basins provided | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 8 |
| Hot and cold water provided | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 |
| First Aid facilities provided | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Facilities for washing food and equipment | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Lighting of food rooms. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| Ventilation of food rooms. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |

Cleanliness and repair of food rooms

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Redecoration carried out | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 18 |
| Repairs to surfaces of structures | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13 |
| Accumulation of refuse etc. | | | | | | | | | |
| Refuse receptacles provided | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| Temperature of food | | | | | | | | | |
| Refrigeration Provided | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 |

Regular routine visits are made to catering establishments and licenced premises and swabs taken of eating and drinking utensils, for bacteriological examination. This practice is of great assistance in maintaining a high standard of hygiene in these premises. Of 195 swabs taken 65% were entirely satisfactory. Detailed results are given in tabular form.

Routine samples of cooked meats, meat products and milk and egg products are taken from retail shops for bacteriological examination and of 56 samples taken, all were found to be free from pathogenic organisms.

The number of food preparing premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act 1955 is:-

| | |
|--|-----|
| a) Ice Cream Premises | 108 |
| b) Premises for the preparation or manufacture of preserved food | 25 |

Ice Cream

Samples of ice cream taken for bacteriological examination numbered 73. The results, with a comparison of the 1967 figures, are set out below:-

Ice Cream - Bacteriological Results

| 1967 | | | 1968 | | |
|-------|----------------|--------|-------|----------------|--------|
| Grade | No. of Samples | % | Grade | No. of Samples | % |
| 1 | 61 | 75.00 | 1 | 66 | 90.41 |
| 2 | 10 | 12.35 | 2 | 6 | 8.22 |
| 3 | 6 | 7.40 | 3 | - | - |
| 4 | 4 | 4.95 | 4 | 1 | 1.37 |
| TOTAL | 81 | 100.00 | TOTAL | 73 | 100.00 |

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF AGGREGATION OF COLONIES TAKEN FROM FOOD SAMPLES

| NAME OF ITEM | No. of swabs taken | COLONY COUNTS | | | | | | BACTERIUM COLI | | | % of total swabs taken which are considered satisfactory |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|------------|---------|--|
| | | Sterile | Under 100 | Over 100 and less than 1,000 | Over 1,000 and less than 10,000 | Over 10,000 and less than 100,000 | Over 100,000 and less than 500,000 | Absent | Non-Faecal | Present | |
| Glasses | 44 | 26 | 13 | 4 | 1 | - | - | 43 | 1 | - | 88.68 |
| Dinner Plates | 27 | 8 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 2 | - | 23 | 3 | 1 | 70.37 |
| Ice Plates | 17 | 7 | 5 | 4 | - | 1 | - | 14 | 3 | - | 70.58 |
| Coffee Cups | 11 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 11 | - | - | 81.81 |
| Soup Plates | 13 | 7 | 5 | 1 | - | - | - | 12 | 1 | - | 92.46 |
| Ice Cups | 23 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 19 | 3 | 2 | 82.60 |
| Sweet Plates | 6 | 2 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 6 | - | - | 100.00 |
| Bacon Slicing Machine | 33 | - | 2 | 5 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 31 | 3 | 2 | 6.06 |
| Gravity Feed Slicer | 14 | 1 | - | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 4 | - | 6.06 |
| Knives, forks and spoons | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 6 | 1 | 1 | 71.42 |
| TOTALS | 195 | 76 | 49 | 25 | 24 | 18 | 3 | 175 | 19 | 6 | 64.10 |

Ice cream in provisional grades 1 and 2 is regarded as being satisfactory and in grades 3 and 4 as unsatisfactory.

Food and Drugs Act - Sampling

I am authorised by the County Council to act as a Sampling Officer on their behalf within the district. Sampling under this arrangement is independent of, and in addition to, sampling carried out by the County Officers.

Samples taken and submitted for analysis were as follows:-

Milk - Formal Samples - 12

One sample of Channel Island milk was found to be deficient in fat.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

This Act made fresh provision for securing the health, safety and welfare of persons employed to work in offices, shop premises and certain railway premises. Administration of the Act is shared by local authorities, fire authorities, the factory inspectorate and mine and quarry inspectors.

All premises registered with the local authority have been inspected, a total of 325 premises being registered in this Urban District. During the year 1968, a total of 32 new registrations were received. Of 96 general inspections carried out, 34 premises were found not to comply in one or more respects with the Health, Safety and Welfare provisions of the Act.

Summaries are given below in tabular form of registrations and general inspections, contraventions and accidents.

(A) Registrations and General Inspections

| Class of Premises | Number of premises registered during the year | Number of registered premises at end of year | Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection |
|--|---|--|--|
| Offices | 9 | 77 | 9 |
| Retail Shops | 19 | 206 | 64 |
| Wholesale Shops, Warehouses | 1 | 8 | 2 |
| Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens | 3 | 34 | 21 |
| Fuel Storage Depots | - | - | - |
| TOTALS. | 32 | 325 | 96 |

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act 143

(B) Analysis of Contraventions

| SECTION | NO. OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND | SECTION | NO. OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------|---|
| 4 | Cleanliness 7 | 10 | Washing facilities 5 |
| 6 | Temperature 11 | 12 | Clothing accommodation 3 |
| 7 | Ventilation 6 | 17 | Fencing of exposed parts of machinery 2 |
| 8 | Lighting 3 | 16 | Floors, passages & Stairs 9 |
| 9 | Sanitary conveniences 10 | 24 | First aid general provisions 13 |
| | | | Other matters 19 |

Total - 83

(C) Exemptions Number of applications received - Nil(D) Reported Accidents

| Workplace | No. Reported | Total No. Invest- igated | Action Recommended | | | No Action |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | | | Prosecution | Formal Warning | Informal Advice | |
| Offices | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Retail Shops | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Wholesale shops, Warehouses | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Catering establishments open to public, canteens | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |

Analysis of reported accidents.

| | Offices | Retail Shops | Wholesale Warehouses | Catering establish- ments open to public, canteens. |
|---|---------|--------------|-------------------------|---|
| Machinery | - | 1 | - | - |
| Transport | - | - | - | - |
| Falls of persons | - | 1 | - | - |
| Stepping on or striking a against object or person | - | - | - | - |
| Handling goods | - | - | 1 | - |
| Struck by falling object | - | - | - | - |
| Fire and Explosions | - | - | - | - |
| Electricity | - | - | - | - |
| Use of hand tools | - | - | - | - |

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

Twenty-two samples of water taken at intervals from the public swimming baths and submitted to the Public Analyst for chemical and bacteriological examination were all reported to be satisfactory.

CARAVANS

At the end of 1968, one permanent site licence remained in force for 38 caravans at a private site in Blackwell.

WATER SUPPLY

The town's main water supply has remained satisfactory both as regards quantity and quality throughout the year.

ASHES ACCOMMODATION

One thousand, one hundred and fifty seven new dustbins were issued during the year.

DRAINAGE

Below is a summary of the work done on drainage during the year:-

| | |
|---|----|
| Houses connected to sewer (excluding new houses) | 59 |
| No. of obstructed drains dealt with | 34 |
| No. of tests applied to house drains | 2 |
| No. of cesspools abolished | 58 |
| No. of internal w.c.'s provided | 60 |
| No. of pails abolished | 7 |
| New w.c.'s provided in lieu of pails etc. | 3 |
| Defective drains repaired or relaid | 6 |
| Houses connected to Septic tanks (excluding new houses) | 6 |

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The approximate number of cesspools, septic tanks etc, where sewers are not available is 750. Emptying takes place on a rota basis and every effort is made to provide a twice yearly service. A more frequent service is given where due to disposal difficulties nuisance arises.

The following is a summary of the work done during the year:-

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| No. of cesspools emptied | 1,776 |
| No. of loads from cesspools | 2,088 |
| No. of pails emptied | 439 |
| Mileage covered | 10,462 |

RODENT CONTROL

A full-time operator is employed to undertake treatment on Council, private and business premises, and a summary of the work carried out is set out below:-

| | |
|--|-------|
| No. of treatments at private dwellings | 254 |
| No. of treatments at business premises | 36 |
| No. of treatments at Council premises (Sewage Outfall Works, Refuse Tips, Housing Estates etc) | 35 |
| No. of properties re-visited and surveyed | 1,861 |
| No. of Agricultural properties treated | - |
| No. of Agricultural properties surveyed | - |
| No. of sewer manholes treated | 100 |

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two licences were renewed under the above Act.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964

One licence was renewed under the provisions of the above Act following receipt of a satisfactory veterinary report.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Defects or nuisances discovered. | 88 |
| Number abated | 80 |
| Number of notices served | Informal 27 |
| Number of notices complied with | " 25 |

Inspections

Inspections carried out in the year are recorded below:-

| | | |
|---|---------|-----|
| Houses under Public Health Acts | .. .. . | 677 |
| Water Supply | .. .. . | 14 |
| Overcrowding | .. .. . | 7 |
| Tents, Vans and Sheds | .. .. . | 33 |
| Ashes Accommodation | .. .. . | 41 |
| Accumulations | .. .. . | 10 |
| Drainage Inspections | .. .. . | 698 |
| Drainage Tests | .. .. . | 37 |
| Closets-Water | .. .. . | 30 |
| - pails or privies | .. .. . | 17 |
| Cesspools | .. .. . | 140 |
| Urinals | .. .. . | 4 |
| Sewers and Street Gullies | .. .. . | 20 |
| Dairies | .. .. . | 3 |
| Ice Cream Premises | .. .. . | 54 |
| Slaughterhouses for Meat Inspection | .. .. . | 548 |
| Food Preparing Premises | .. .. . | 95 |
| General Food Premises | .. .. . | 211 |
| Licensed Premises | .. .. . | 28 |
| Factories Act | .. .. . | 43 |
| Rats and Mice Acts | .. .. . | 50 |
| Infectious Diseases | .. .. . | 14 |
| Housing Act, 1957 - Section 16 | .. .. . | 210 |
| Housing Act, 1957 - Other visits | .. .. . | 167 |
| Housing Act, 1964 | .. .. . | 337 |
| Rent Act 1957 | .. .. . | 6 |
| Smoke Abatement Observations | .. .. . | 46 |
| Smoke Abatement - premises visited | .. .. . | 7 |
| Noise Abatement Act | .. .. . | 61 |
| Petroleum Act | .. .. . | 156 |
| Entertainment Houses | .. .. . | 1 |
| Offices, Shops & Railway Premises | .. .. . | 143 |
| Animal Boarding Establishments Act | .. .. . | 6 |
| Riding Establishments Act | .. .. . | 2 |
| Pet Animals Act | .. .. . | 2 |
| Miscellaneous visits | .. .. . | 786 |
| Interviews - owners, tradesmen etc | .. .. . | 370 |
| Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles Regulations | .. .. . | 36 |
| Various premises | .. .. . | 2 |
| Scrap Metal Dealers Act | .. .. . | 2 |

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS REMEDIED AND IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED

| | |
|--|-------|
| Sinks repaired, renewed or provided | 1 |
| Obstructed drains | 34 |
| W. C. flushing cisterns | 2 |
| Floors repaired | 3 |
| Roofs repaired | 13 |
| Ceiling plaster made good | 5 |
| Wallplaster made good | 9 |
| Walls repaired | 6 |
| Eavespouting and downspouts repaired or renewed | 4 |
| Chimneys repaired | 2 |
| Staircases repaired | 4 |
| Dustbins provided by local authority | 1,157 |
| Doors repaired or renewed | 3 |
| Windows repaired or renewed | 8 |
| Repairs to waste pipes and gullies | - |
| Repairs to drains and drainage systems | 8 |
| Structural repairs to w.c.'s | 1 |
| Wash-hand basins repaired, renewed or provided . | 56 |
| Baths provided | 52 |
| Hot water supplies provided or repaired | 56 |
| Foodstores provided | 26 |
| Accumulations removed | - |
| W. C. pedestals renewed | - |
| Dustbins provided other than by local authority | 6 |

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| 1) By the local authority. | 8 |
| 11) By other local authorities. | - |
| 111) By other bodies or persons. | 237 |

1. Inspections of dwelling houses during the year:-

| | |
|---|-----|
| 1a. Total number of dwelling houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 493 |
| b. Number of inspections made for the purpose | 866 |
| 2. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. | 19 |
| 3. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 27 |

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their offices. 25

3. Action under statutory powers during the year

a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act 1957:-

| | |
|---|-----|
| i) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | Nil |
| ii) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:- | |
| a) by owners | Nil |
| b) by local authority in default of owners | Nil |

B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 27
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
 - a) by owners Nil
 - b) by local authority in default of owners Nil

C) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act 1957

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 7
2. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made 12
3. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 6
4. Number of houses demolished in Clearance Areas Nil

D) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act 1957.

1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil
2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit Nil

4. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

| <u>Extended Standard Grants</u> | <u>Owner/Occupier.</u> | <u>Tenanted</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Number of applications approved | 14 | 8 |
| 2. Number of dwellings improved | 13 | 5 |
| 3. Amount paid in grants. | £4,838 12. 0d. | |
| 4. Average grant per house | £ 268 16. 3d. | |

| <u>Ordinary Standard Grants</u> | <u>Owner/Occupier.</u> | <u>Tenanted</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Number of applications approved | 27 | 7 |
| 2. Number of dwellings improved | 32 | 10 |
| 3. Amount paid in grants | £4,700 9. 11d. | |
| 4. Average grant per house | £ 111 18. 4d. | |

Number of amenities provided

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| a) Fixed Bath. | 52 |
| b) Shower | - |
| c) Wash-hand basin. | 53 |
| d) Hot water supply (to any fittings) | 54 |
| e) Watercloset within dwelling. | 60 |
| f) Radiators | 26 |

Discretionary Grants.

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Number of dwellings improved | Nil |
|---------------------------------|-----|

5. HOLDING ACT, 1964

Four representations were received from tenants under Section 19 of the Act, requesting the Council to exercise their powers to secure the provision of standard amenities.

6. ALBT ACT, 1957

No of applications for Certificate of Disrepair received Nil
 No. of Certificates of Disrepair issued by local authority Nil
 No. of Undertakings by Landlords received Nil

PETROLEUM ACTS

63 licences were issued during 1968 for the storage of 189,672 gallons of petroleum spirit and/or mixtures and 36.lbs. of Carbide of Calcium.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACTS

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors):-

| Premises | No. on Register | Number of:- | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | Inspections | Written Notices | Occupiers Prosecuted |
| (1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by local authorities | 5 | 2 | - | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. | 84 | 38 | 6 | - |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local authority (excluding out-workers premises) | 7 | 3 | - | - |
| TOTAL | 96 | 43 | 6 | - |

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

| Particulars | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|---|---|----------|----------------------------|-------------------|--|
| | Found | Remedied | Referred to H.M. Inspector | by H.M. Inspector | |
| Want of cleanliness | - | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences:- | | | | | |
| a) Insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| b) Unsuitable or defective | 18 | 18 | - | - | - |
| c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to outwork) | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 18 | 18 | - | - | - |